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TATATATA
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BLAM!
RATATATATATATATATATATATATATAT
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BLAM!
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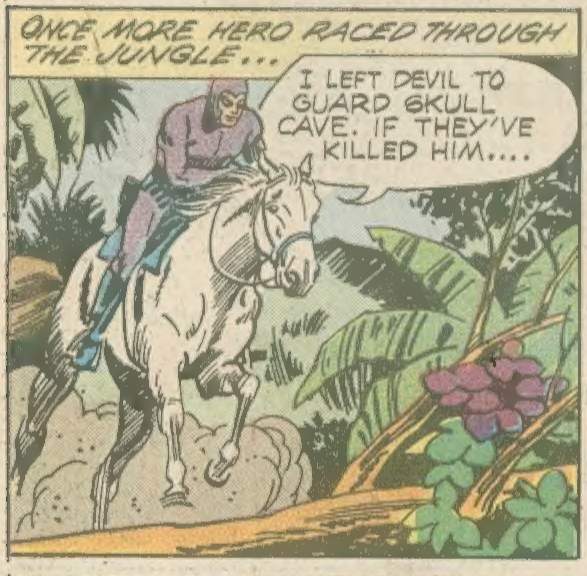
HURRY BACK TO SKULL CAVE, PHANTOM. I SAW STRANGE MEN CARRYING YOUR POSSESSIONS OUT TO A TRUCK.
FIRST AID



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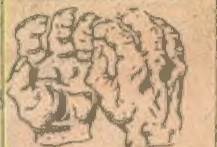

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...AND SOME OF MY BANDARI FRIENDS WERE WOUNDED. NOW, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THAT PAPER?
I HAVE HEARD OF A CRIMINAL CALLED SPIDER BY HIS ENEMIES.
HE LEFT THAT CLUE TO LEAD YOU TO HIM, PHANTOM. HIS NAME IS HELMAR THORSSEN. HE DEALS IN STOLEN GOLD IN MASSIVE AMOUNTS, HE RUNS A SLAVE-RUNNING GANG HERE, AND HE...
OH.' THEN, HE IS MY ENEMY, INSPECTOR. NOT LONG AGO, I BROKE UP A SLAVE TRADING GANG. THEY WERE WORKING FOR THORSSEN.
HE TOOK MY TREASURE TO LURE ME TO HIS WEB BUT THERE IS AN EVEN GREATER TREASURE HE COULD USE AS BAIT. INSPECTOR, I MUST TELE-PHONE PARIS.
I MUST PLACE A PERSON-TO-PERSON CALL TO MISS DIANA PALMER IN THE HILLDON PARISIENNE. HURRY. IT'S AN EMERGENCY.'
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IN THE SUITE OF DIANA PALMER AND HER MOTHER IN THE HILLDON PARISIENNE, THE TELEPHONE RANG.
I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM IN.... CAN THAT BE HE?
RRI'INGG.
CHLOROFORM

MMMMMFFF!
DON'T STRUGGLE OR YOU DIE!
DIANA?

DIANA? HELLO? DIANA, ARE YOU THERE?

CONTACT THE PARIS POLICE, INSPECTOR. ASK THEM TO INVESTIGATE THE WHEREABOUTS OF MISS DIANA PALMER. SHE'S BEEN STAYING AT THE HILLDON PARISIENNE. I'M LEAVING ON THE NEXT JET.

WE'LL LAND IN PARIS IN AN HOUR, MR. WALKER.
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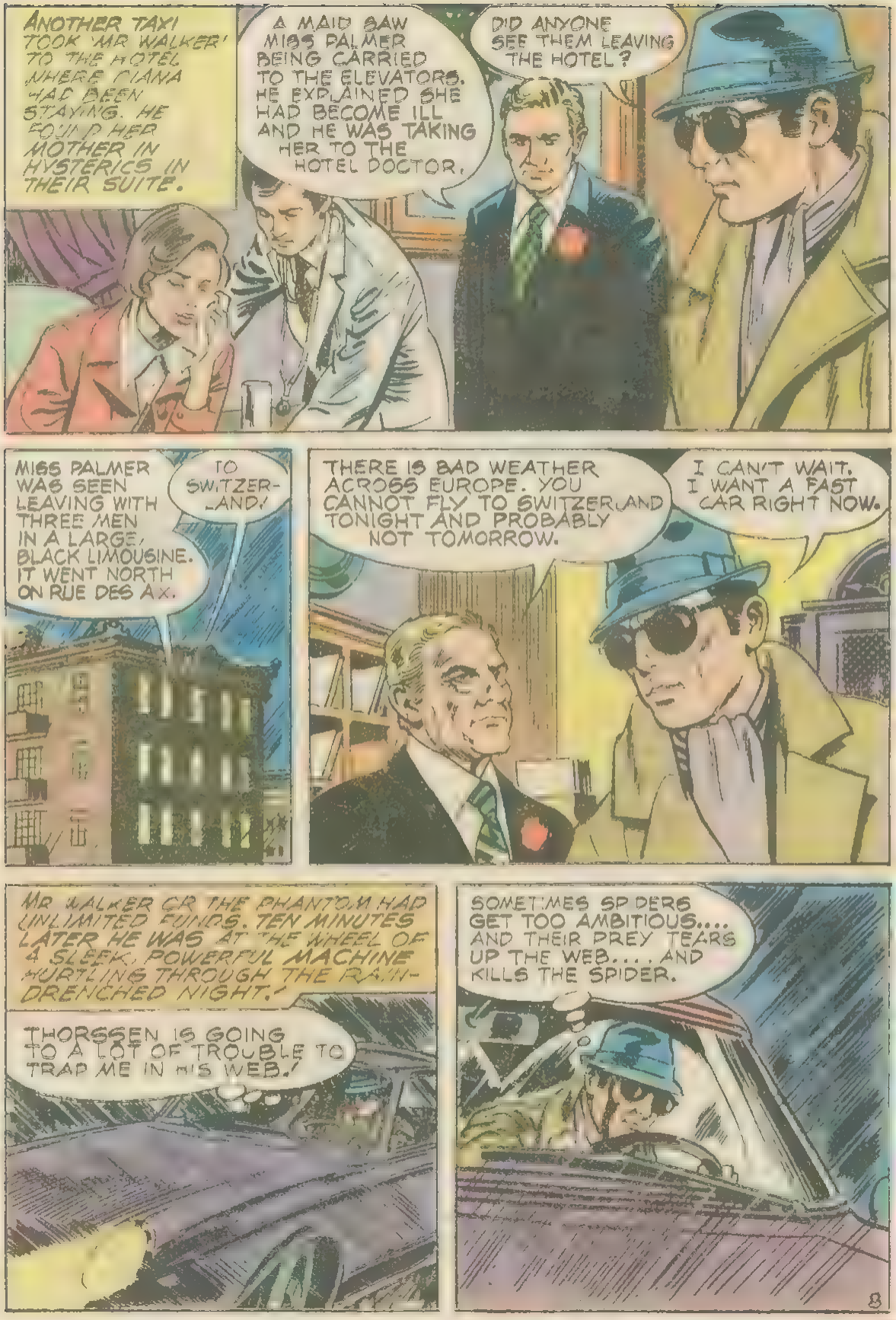
IN PARIS, MR. WALKER FOUND A PHONE BOOTH. HE TELEPHONED A CHIEF INSPECTOR IN INTERPOL... THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ORGANIZATION. INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE...
HELMAR THORSSEN IS AT HIS CHATEAU IN SWITZERLAND NOW, INSPECTOR?
OUI, MONSIEUR WALKER, AND OUR SWISS INFORMANTS SAY HE HAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE STAFF WITH HIM.
TAXI, SIR?
MERCI.
TAXI
YOUR DESTINATION, MONSIEUR?
THE HILLDON PARISIENNE, PLEASE.
WHERE DID THE DRIVER GO?
IT'S UNUSUAL TO FIND A TAXI WAITING THE WAY I DID THIS ONE.!
HE WAS PLANTED HERE.... ESPECIALLY FOR ME!
BARRRROOOOMM!


ANOTHER TAXI TOOK MR WALKER TO THE HOTEL WHERE DIANA HAD BEEN STAYING. HE FOUND HER MOTHER IN HYSTERICS IN THEIR SUITE.
A MAID SAW MISS PALMER BEING CARRIED TO THE ELEVATORS. HE EXPLAINED SHE HAD BECOME ILL AND HE WAS TAKING HER TO THE HOTEL DOCTOR.
DID ANYONE SEE THEM LEAVING THE HOTEL?
MISS PALMER WAS SEEN LEAVING WITH THREE MEN IN A LARGE, BLACK LIMOUSINE. IT WENT NORTH ON RUE DES AX.
TO SWITZERLAND!
THERE IS BAD WEATHER ACROSS EUROPE. YOU CANNOT FLY TO SWITZERLAND TONIGHT AND PROBABLY NOT TOMORROW.
I CAN'T WAIT. I WANT A FAST CAR RIGHT NOW.
MR WALKER OR THE PHANTOM HAD UNLIMITED FUNDS. TEN MINUTES LATER HE WAS AT THE WHEEL OF A SLEEK, POWERFUL MACHINE HURTLING THROUGH THE RAIN-DRENCHED NIGHT.
THORSSEN IS GOING TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO TRAP ME IN HIS WEB!
SOMETIMES SPIDERS GET TOO AMBITIOUS.... AND THEIR PREY TEARS UP THE WEB.... AND KILLS THE SPIDER.
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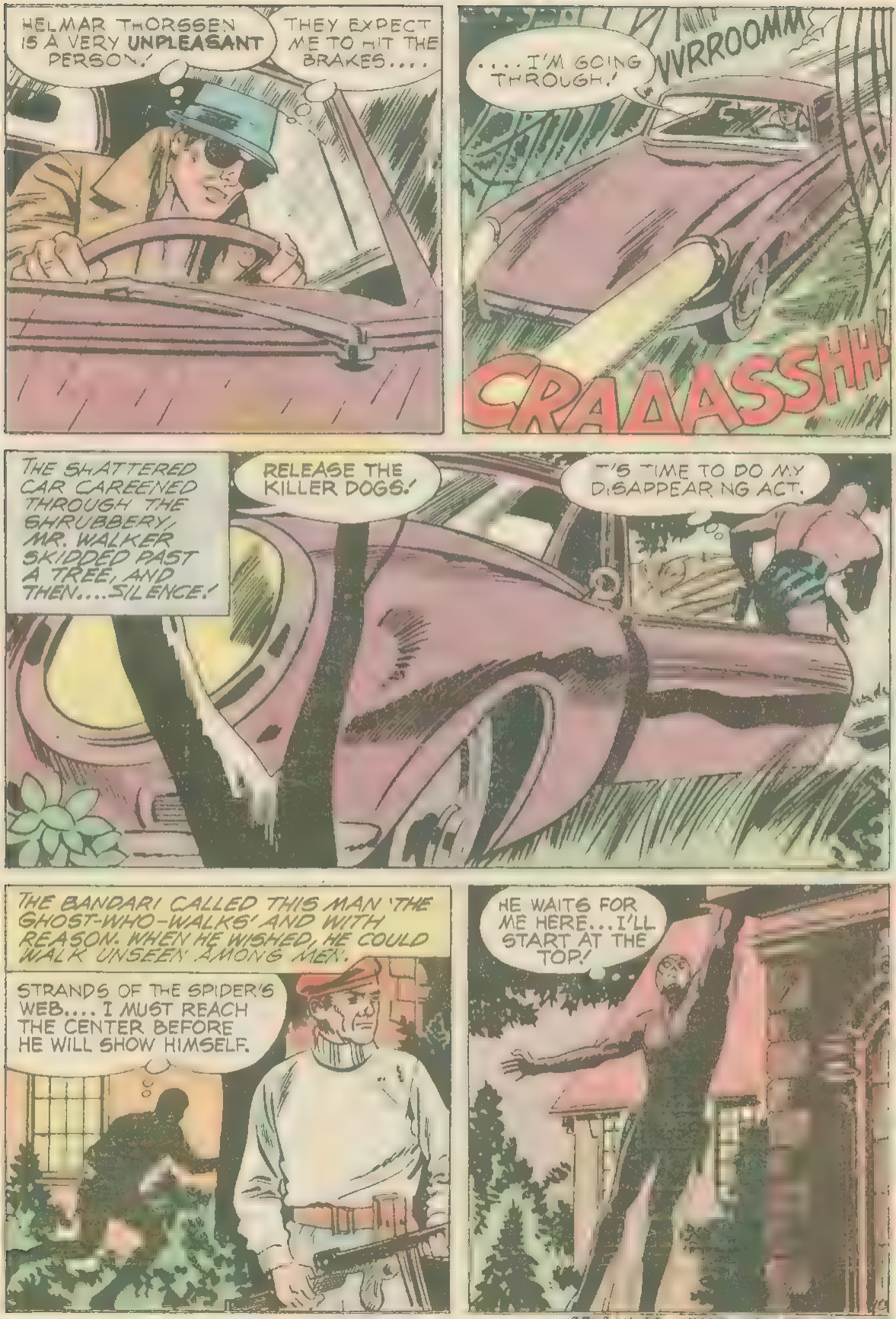
MR. WALKER HAS LEFT PARIS, DRIVING FAST. LET HIM GET CLOSE, THEN LEAD HIM HERE. UNDERSTOOD?
UNDERSTOOD, SIR. WILL DECREASE SPEED TO 70 KILOMETERS.
BEFORE HE STARTED, MR. WALKER HAD SCANNED THE MAP.... MEMORIZED HIS ROUTE AND NOW HURTLED AT 150 KM TOWARD SWITZERLAND.
SCREEEEEEEEEECCCHHH!
WE ARE 15 KILOMETERS FROM BASE, S.R. QUARRY IS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND US, OVERTAKING US RAPIDLY.
INCREASE SPEED. GATES WILL BE OPEN WHEN YOU PASS.
VVOOOOOOOMMMMM
CLOSE THE GATES--QUICKLY!


HELMAR THORSSEN IS A VERY UNPLEASANT PERSON.
THEY EXPECT ME TO HIT THE BRAKES....
....I'M GOING THROUGH.
VVRROOMM
CRAAASSHH
THE SHATTERED CAR CAREENED THROUGH THE SHRUBBERY, MR. WALKER SKIDDED PAST A TREE, AND THEN....SILENCE!
RELEASE THE KILLER DOGS!
T'S TIME TO DO MY DISAPPEAR NG ACT.
THE BANDARI CALLED THIS MAN 'THE GHOST-WHO-WALKS' AND WITH REASON. WHEN HE WISHED, HE COULD WALK UNSEEN AMONG MEN.
STRANDS OF THE SPIDER'S WEB.... I MUST REACH THE CENTER BEFORE HE WILL SHOW HIMSELF.
HE WAITS FOR ME HERE...I'LL START AT THE TOP!

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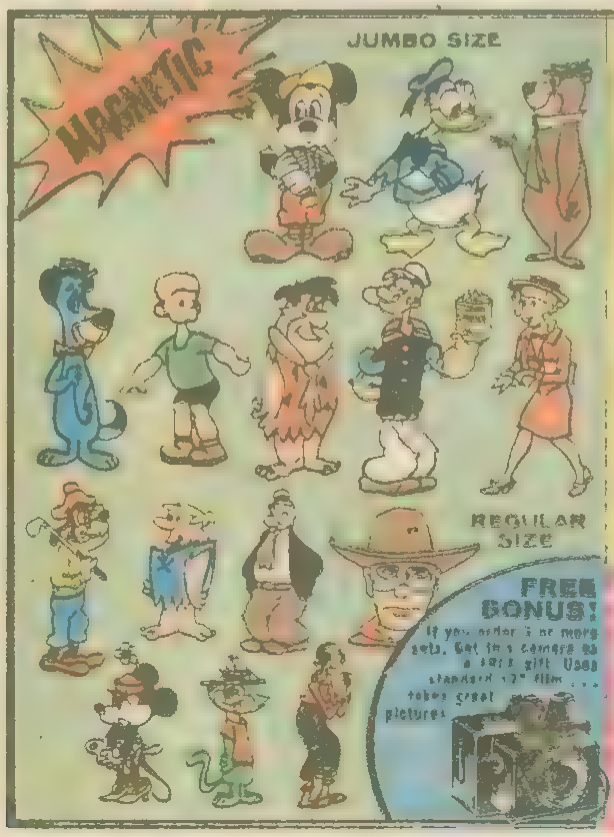
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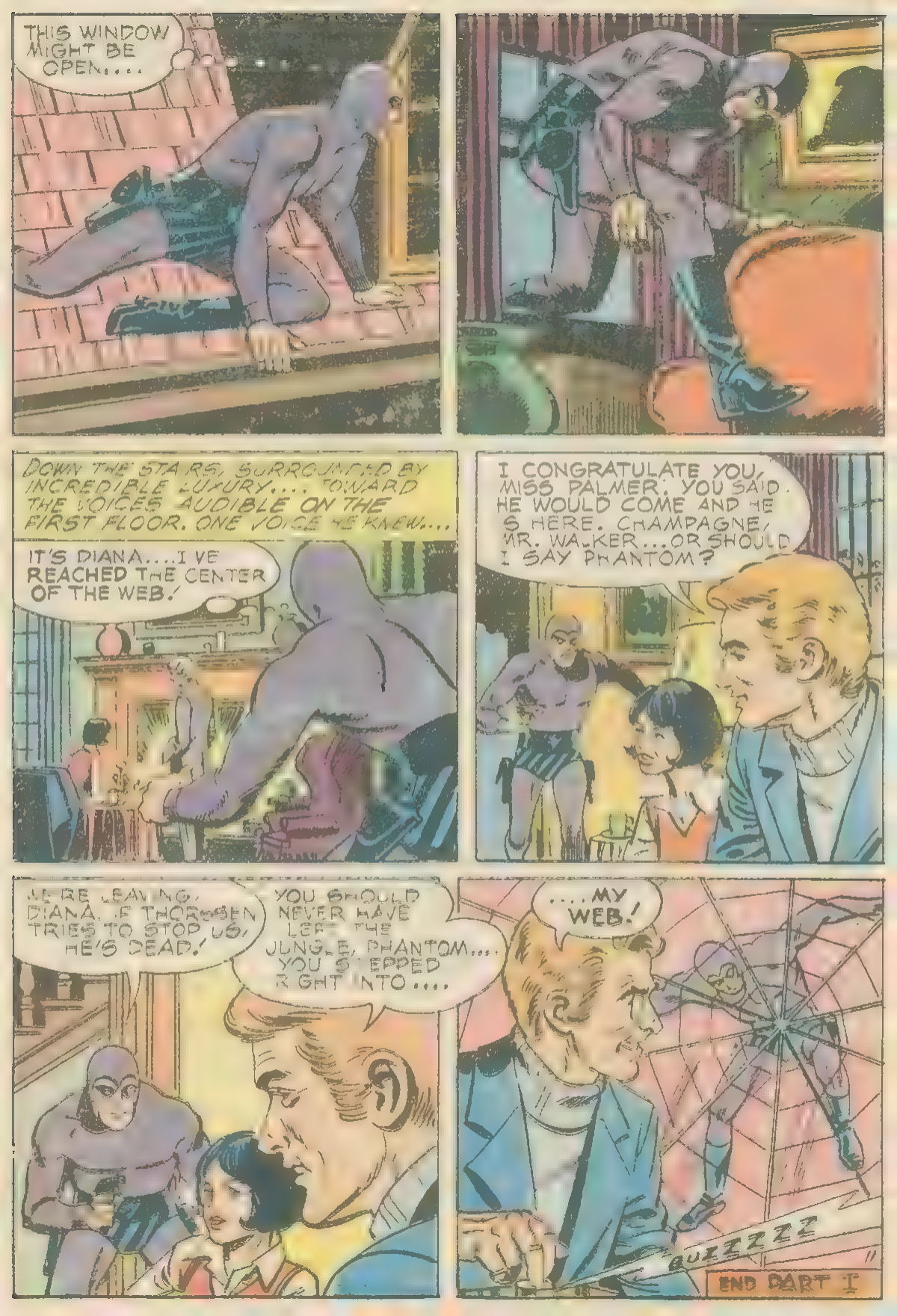
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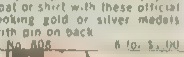

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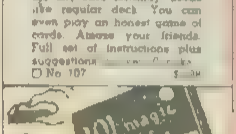

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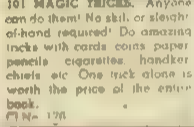

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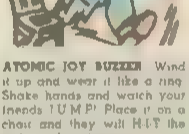

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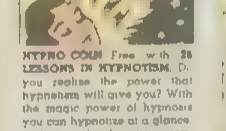

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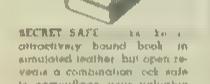

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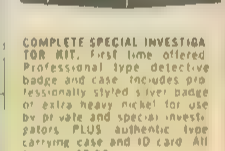

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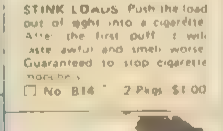

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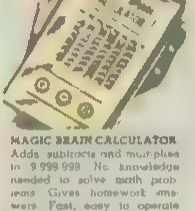

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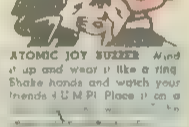

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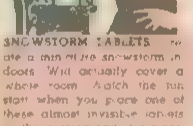

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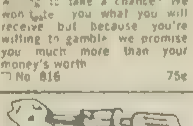

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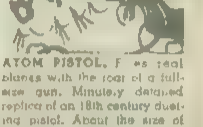

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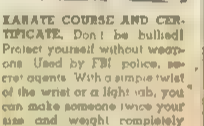

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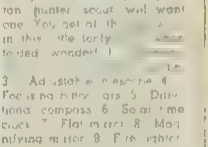

[illegible] every hunter [illegible] camper [illegible] ranger hunter scout will want one. You get all the [illegible] in the [illegible] forty [illegible] loaded wonder! [illegible]
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FLEA FARMS [illegible] Fleas grow in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] snap shut [illegible] command. [illegible] special [illegible] included.
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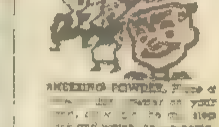
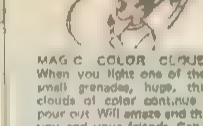


[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] everyone in the room will begin to sneeze without knowing why. More fun than a barrel full of monkeys.
☐ No. 284 [illegible] Each



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PART II
TRAP FOR A TRAPPER
THE [illegible] STRANGE SNAPPED TAUT... THE PHANTOM WAS ENMESHED AT THE CENTER OF THE WEB... AND ELMAR THORSSEN'S MANIACAL LAUGHTER ECHOED ACROSS THE ROOM.
LET MISS PALMER GO, THORSSEN! YOU WANT REVENGE AGAINST ME NOT THE GIRL!
NOW... LIKE THE TRUE SPIDER I SHALL REMOVE THE VITAL JUICES IN A VERY PAINFUL MANNER.
ON THE CONTRARY, PHANTOM... IF I HURT HER, IT WILL CAUSE YOU GREATER PAIN... SO SHE MUST SUFFER!
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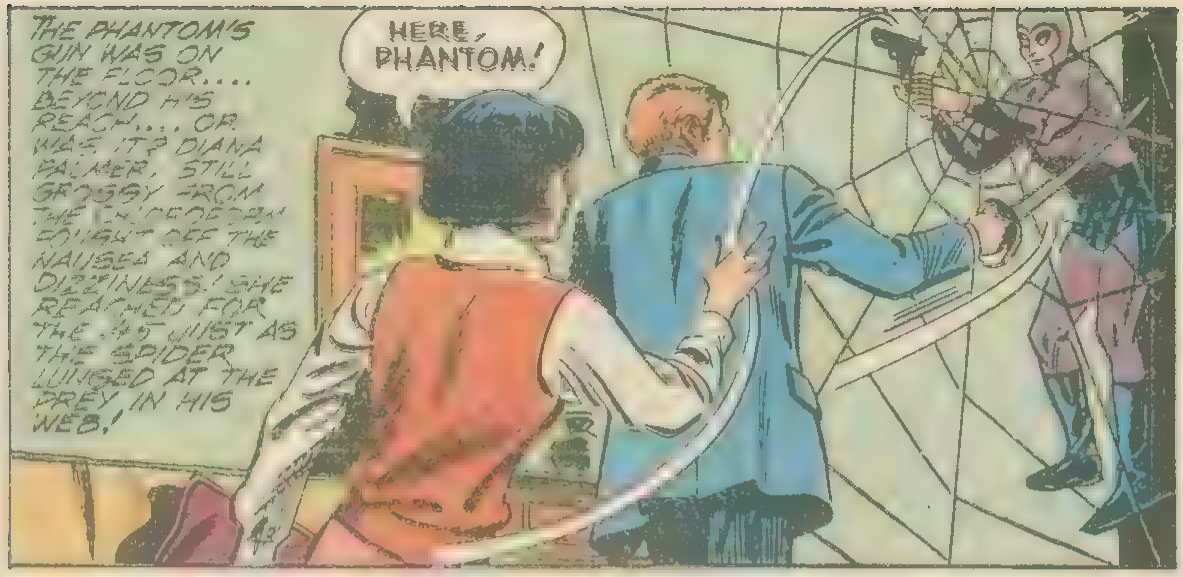
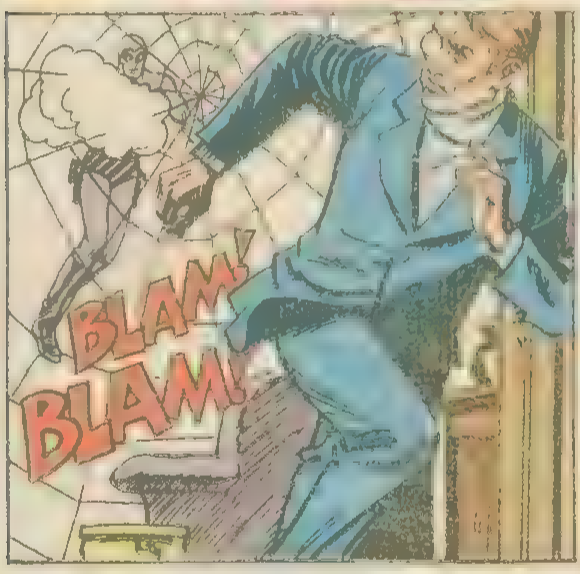

THE PHANTOM'S GUN WAS ON THE FLOOR.... BEYOND HIS REACH.... OR WAS IT? DIANA PALMER, STILL GROGGY FROM THE KNOCK-OUT SHE'D GIVEN THE PHANTOM, FOUGHT OFF THE NAUSEA AND DIZZINESS! SHE REACHED FOR THE .45 JUST AS THE SPIDER LUNGED AT THE PREY IN HIS WEB!
HERE, PHANTOM!

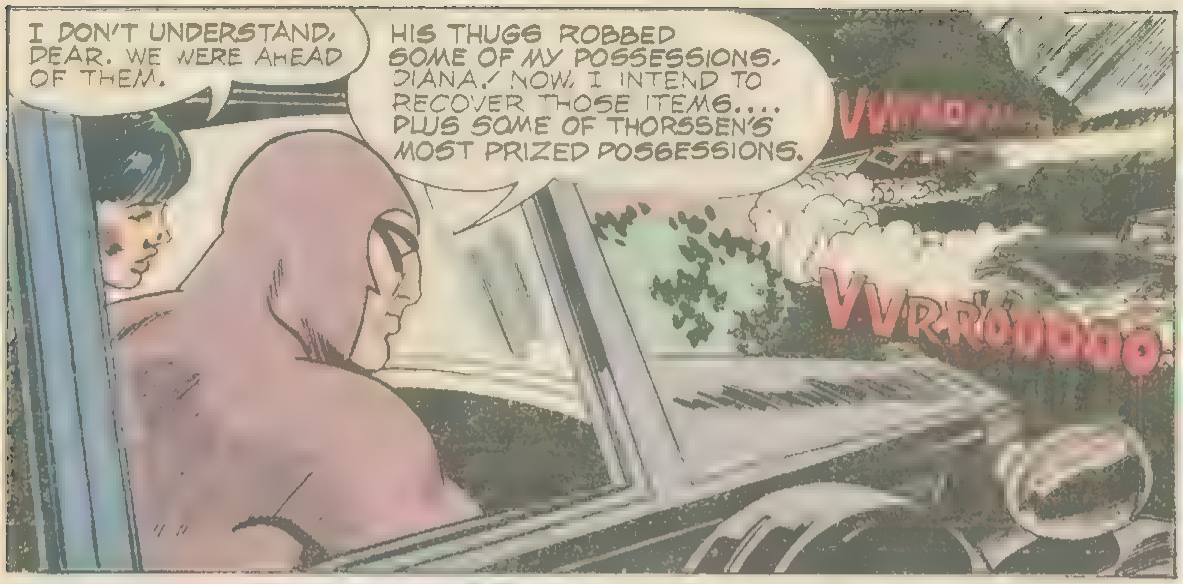

BLAM! BLAM!

THORSSEN'S KILLERS ARE ON THE WAY, PHANTOM.... WE CAN'T GET AWAY!
FOLLOW ME, DARLING.... TRUST ME.!

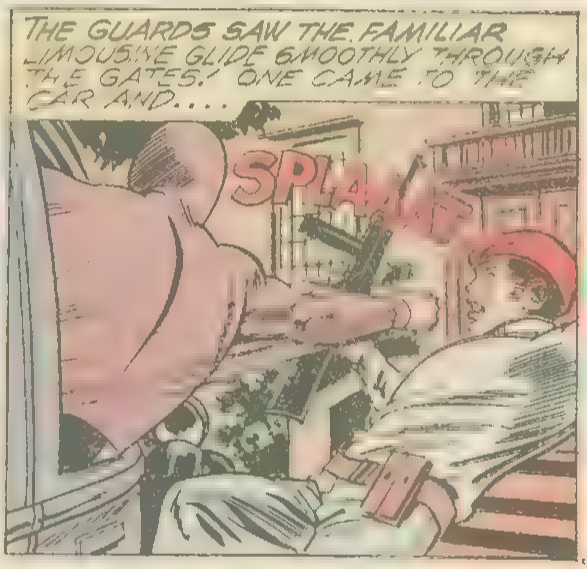
THE PHANTOM SEEMED TOTALLY INSANE! AS THE GUNMEN CAME INTO THE ROOM, HE SPRINTED TOWARD A BIG WINDOW AND....
FOLLOW ME, DIANA!

BLAM! BLAM!
SPLAASH!

WHAT'LL WE DO, DARLING?
HOW ABOUT A NICE RIDE TO PARIS, DIANA? THEY LEFT THEIR HOUSE FOR US!
GET IN THE CAR, DIANA.... THESE DOGS ARE TRAINED TO K'LL!
AAARRGGHH
GRRR
START THE CAR!
WHAAPP!
HEAD FOR THE GATE, DIANA! IF ANYONE GETS IN THE WAY, KEEP GOING!
BLAM!
OPEN IT UP, DIANA!
CUT YOUR LIGHTS AND TURN OFF AT THE FIRST SIDE ROAD.


I DON'T UNDERSTAND, DEAR. WE WERE AHEAD OF THEM.
HIS THUGS ROBBED SOME OF MY POSSESSIONS, DIANA. NOW, I INTEND TO RECOVER THOSE ITEMS.... PLUS SOME OF THORSSEN'S MOST PRIZED POSSESSIONS.
VVRRROOOOO

NOW, WE GO BACK, DIANA.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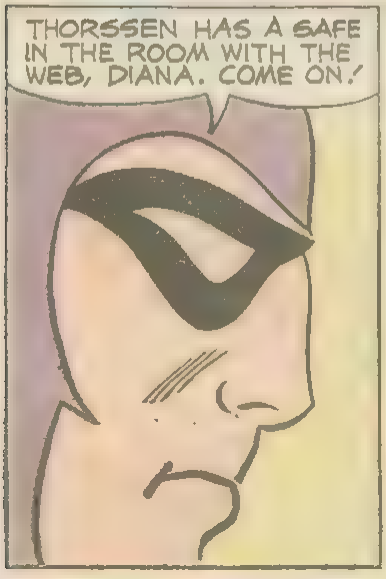
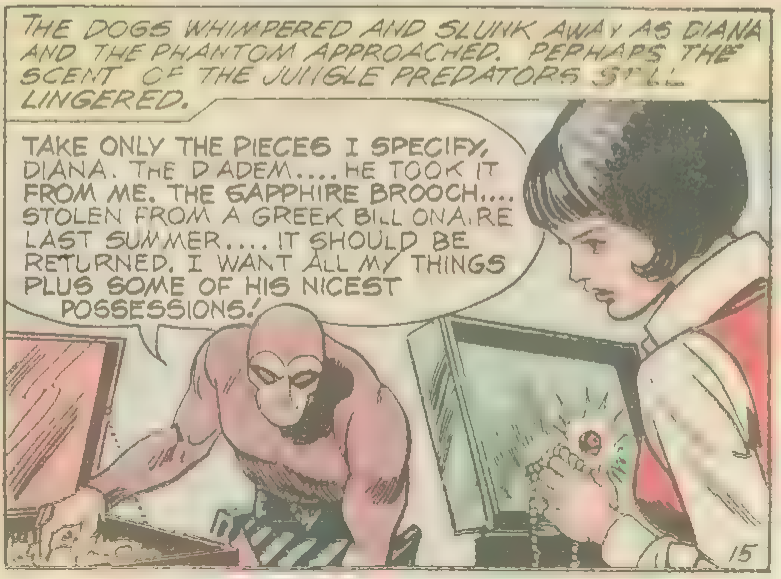
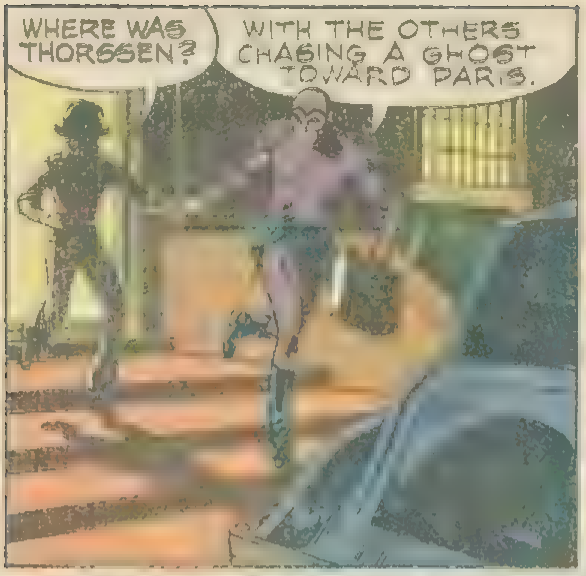
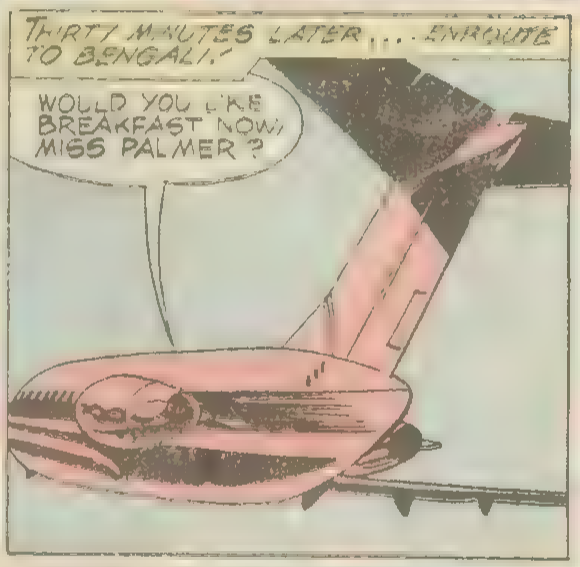
SPLAM!

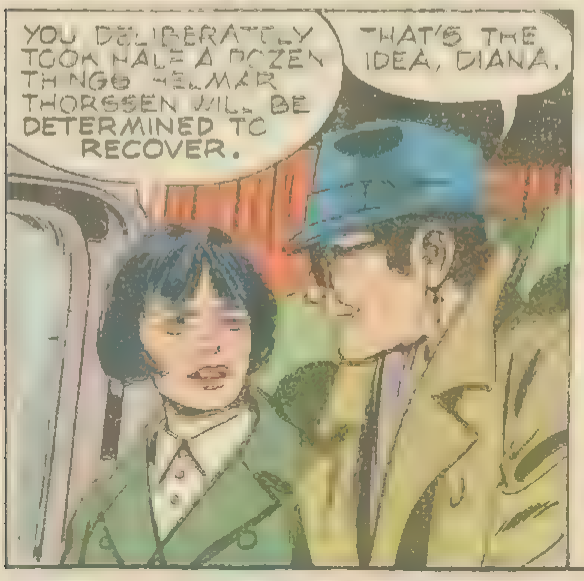

THORSSEN HAS A SAFE IN THE ROOM WITH THE WEB, DIANA. COME ON!


THE DOGS WHIMPERED AND SLUNK AWAY AS DIANA AND THE PHANTOM APPROACHED. PERHAPS THE SCENT OF THE JUNGLE PREDATORS STILL LINGERED.
TAKE ONLY THE PIECES I SPECIFY, DIANA. THE DIADEM.... HE TOOK IT FROM ME. THE SAPPHIRE BROOCH.... STOLEN FROM A GREEK BILLIONAIRE LAST SUMMER.... IT SHOULD BE RETURNED. I WANT ALL MY THINGS PLUS SOME OF HIS NICEST POSSESSIONS!



AT DAYLIGHT, THEY WERE NEAR THEIR DESTINATION....
WHAT IF THERE ARE NO PLANES GOING OUT, DEAR?
NO PROBLEM, DIANA, I'M GOING TO CHARTER A JET ANYHOW.
MILANO 22 KM





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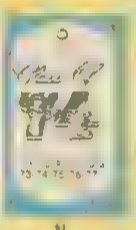
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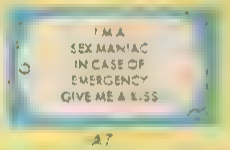

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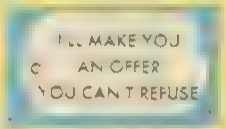

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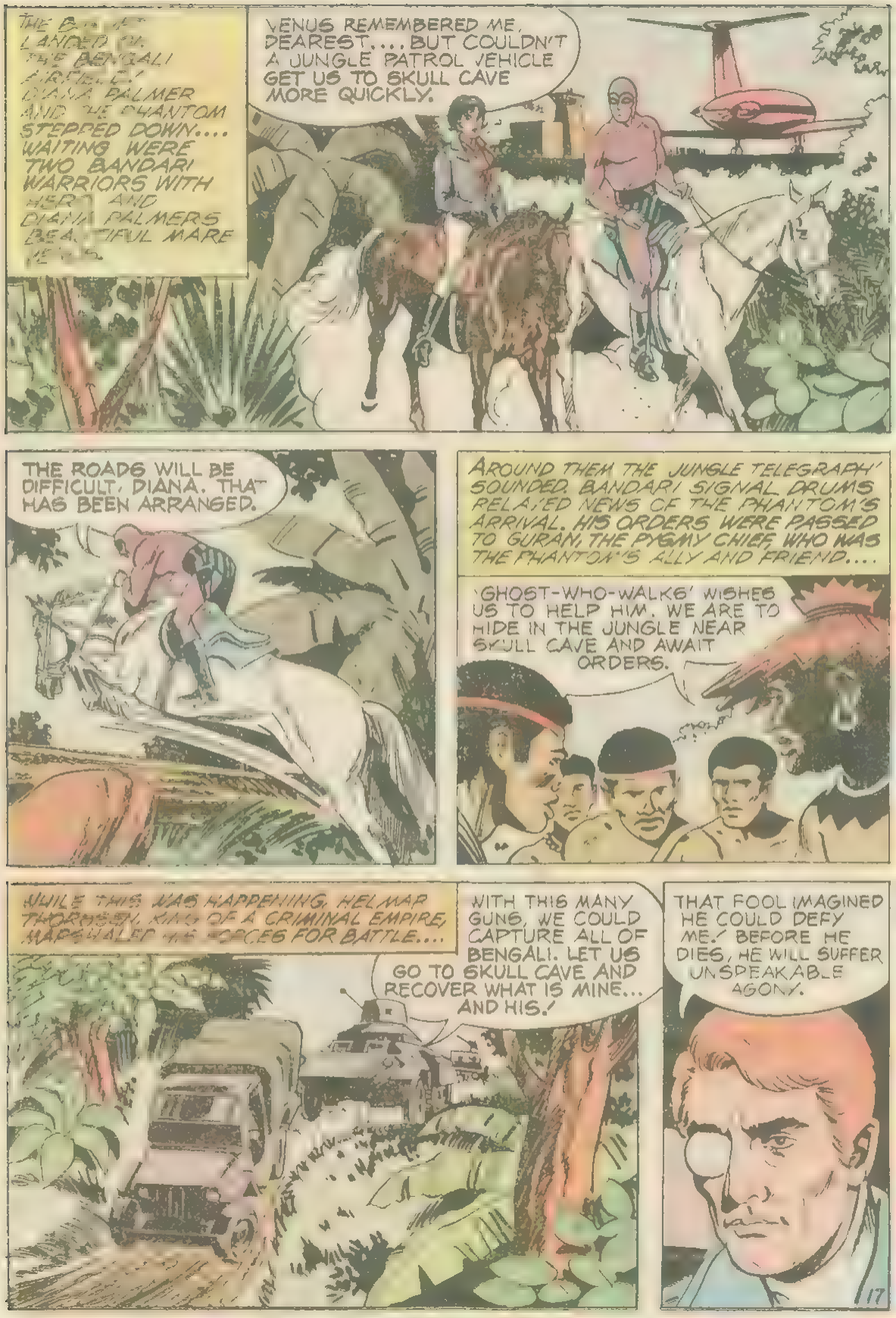
THE PLANE LANDED IN THE BENGALI AIRFIELD. DIANA PALMER AND THE PHANTOM STEPPED DOWN.... WAITING WERE TWO BANDARI WARRIORS WITH HERD AND DIANA PALMER'S BEAUTIFUL MARE HERO.
VENUS REMEMBERED ME, DEAREST.... BUT COULDN'T A JUNGLE PATROL VEHICLE GET US TO SKULL CAVE MORE QUICKLY.
THE ROADS WILL BE DIFFICULT, DIANA. THAT HAS BEEN ARRANGED.
AROUND THEM THE JUNGLE TELEGRAPH SOUNDED. BANDARI SIGNAL DRUMS RELAYED NEWS OF THE PHANTOM'S ARRIVAL. HIS ORDERS WERE PASSED TO GURAN, THE PYGMY CHIEF, WHO WAS THE PHANTOM'S ALLY AND FRIEND....
'GHOST-WHO-WALKS' WISHES US TO HELP HIM. WE ARE TO HIDE IN THE JUNGLE NEAR SKULL CAVE AND AWAIT ORDERS.
WHILE THIS WAS HAPPENING, HELMAR THORNELL, KING OF A CRIMINAL EMPIRE, MARSHALED HIS FORCES FOR BATTLE....
WITH THIS MANY GUNS, WE COULD CAPTURE ALL OF BENGALI. LET US GO TO SKULL CAVE AND RECOVER WHAT IS MINE... AND HIS!
THAT FOOL IMAGINED HE COULD DEFY ME! BEFORE HE DIES, HE WILL SUFFER UNSPEAKABLE AGONY.
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THE LEAD VEHICLE WAS THE FIRST TO ENCOUNTER TROUBLE....THE ROAD CURVED THROUGH A LEVEL STRETCH OF SAND AND....
BACK UP...THIS MUD'S DEEPER THAN IT LOOKS.
WITH 4-WHEEL DRIVE, I CAN GET THROUGH ANY MUDHOLE.
THIS AIN'T A MUDHOLE, DUMMY.... IT'S QUICKSAND.!
GET US OUT, MR. THORSSE!
I CAN'T SPARE THE TIME, IDIOT.! YOU GOT YOURSELF IN THERE.... IT'S YOUR WORRY NOW.
GO THROUGH THE JUNGLE. ACCORDING TO MY MAP WE ARE NEAR SKULL CAVE.
DRIVE TO THE MOUTH OF SKULL CAVE SO WE CAN FIRE DIRECTLY INTO IT....AND KEEP THEM FROM ESCAPING.!
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THIS IS HELMAR THORGSEN, PHANTOM. I AM THE SPIDER OF CRIME... MY WEB ENCIRCLES THE EARTH! SURRENDER OR DIE IN YOUR WELL-NAMED CAVE!
PHANTOM.... HE HAS SO MANY GUNS!
THEY WON'T DO HIM ANY GOOD, DIANA.
THE HALF-TRACK MOVED CLOSER.... AND SURELY.... IT
MORE TREACHERY!
THEY DUG AN ELEPHANT TRAP, BOSS!
COME ON.... WE HAVE THE OTHER VEHICLE.... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
COME.... WE WILL RETURN TO THE AIRFIELD.
YEAH.... LET'S GET OUT OF THIS GREEN HELL!
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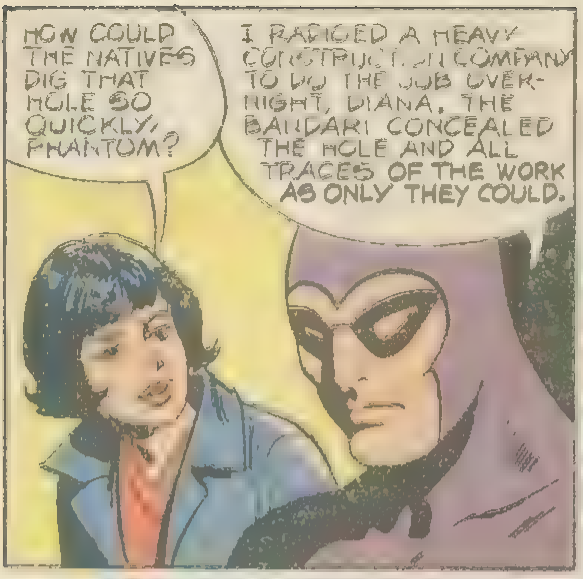
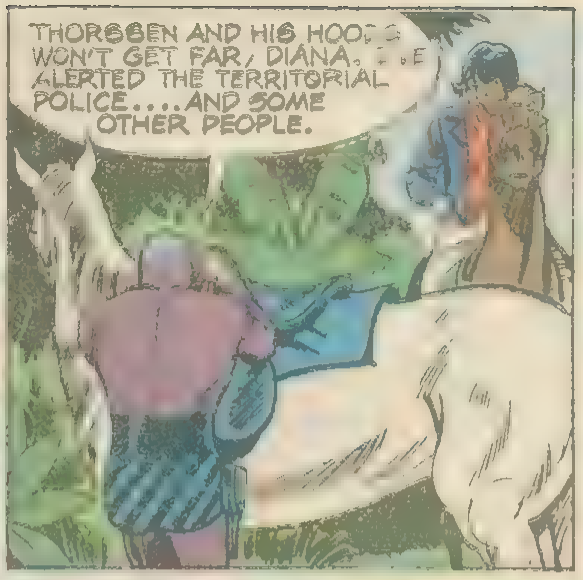
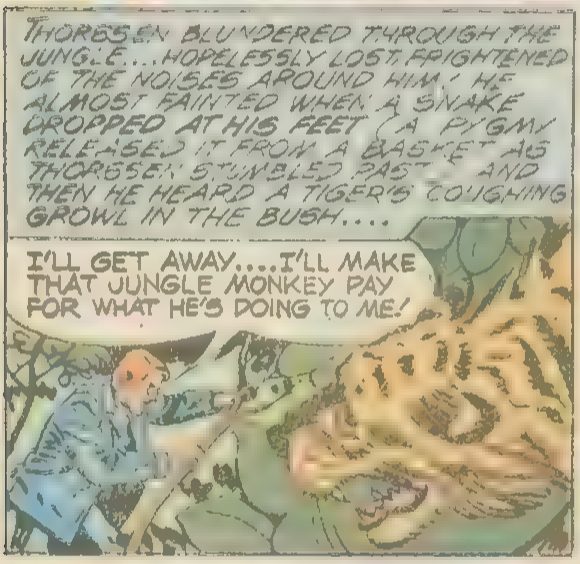

HOW COULD THE NATIVES DIG THAT HOLE SO QUICKLY, PHANTOM?
I RAIDED A HEAVY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO DO THE JOB OVERNIGHT, DIANA. THE BANDARI CONCEALED THE HOLE AND ALL TRACES OF THE WORK AS ONLY THEY COULD.


THORSSEN AND HIS HOODS WON'T GET FAR, DIANA. I'VE ALERTED THE TERRITORIAL POLICE....AND SOME OTHER PEOPLE.


THORSSEN BLUNDERED THROUGH THE JUNGLE...HOPELESSLY LOST, FRIGHTENED OF THE NOISES AROUND HIM. HE ALMOST FAINTED WHEN A SNAKE DROPPED AT HIS FEET (A PYGMY RELEASED IT FROM A BASKET AS THORSSEN STUMBLED PAST) AND THEN HE HEARD A TIGER'S COUGHING GROWL IN THE BUSH....
I'LL GET AWAY....I'LL MAKE THAT JUNGLE MONKEY PAY FOR WHAT HE'S DOING TO ME!

YOU. SHOW ME THE WAY TO THE AIRSTRIP OR I'LL KILL YOU!
NO.

THIS WEAPON IS LOADED, FOOL!
YOU WILL NOT USE IT, THORSSEN.
PFFFFFFFT!

A POISON DART.... I CAN'T MOVE MY HAND! SIT.... AM I...?
YOUR HAND IS PARALYZED, THORSSEN! YOU ARE NOT DYING.... YET!

THE PANICKED CRIMINAL BRUSHED PAST GURAN.... DEEPER INTO THE VINE-HUNG JUNGLE.' HE'D BOASTED ONCE OF HIS WEB OF CRIME THAT ENCIRCLED THE WORLD.... NOW HE WAS IN A WEB.... THE PHANTOM'S!'
HELP.' I'M IN HERE, YOU FOOLS.'
PERHAPS THERE'S A ROAD ON THE OTHER SIDE! IF.... OH, NO!
WHAT A FOOL I WAS TO CHALLENGE THE PHANTOM ON HIS OWN GROUND.'
SUDDENLY, A LOOP OF ROPE DROPPED DOWN.... IT WAS PULLED TAUT AROUND HIS WAIST AND THEN THE PHANTOM, USING ALL HIS GREAT STRENGTH, LIFTED HIM CLEAR... JUST IN TIME.'
SAVE ME, PHANTOM! I'LL GIVE YOU ANY-THING.... EVERYTHING.... IF YOU'LL SAVE ME.'
YOU WON'T GIVE THORSGEN.... EVERYTHING YOU'VE STOLEN WILL BE TAKEN FROM YOU.'

THE TERRITORIAL POLICE HAD BEEN SENT FOR.... THEY ARRIVED IN TIME TO TAKE CUSTODY OF HELMAR THORSSEN AND HIS THUGS.
YOU KEEP NASTY COMPANY, PHANTOM. THORSSEN IS ONE OF THE MOST RUTHLESS KILLERS IN THE WORLD.
HE MET SOME REAL KILLERS IN BENGAL, INSPECTOR. HE WOULD'VE BEEN DEAD A HALF-DOZEN TIMES IF MY PEOPLE HADN'T PROTECTED HIM.
INCIDENTALLY, SOME OF THORSSEN'S STOLEN JEWELRY IS IN MY HANDS. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO YOU.
WHERE IS IT, PHANTOM. I'LL GO WITH YOU AND PICK IT UP.
THE HIDING PLACE IS A SECRET FEW MEN KNOW, INSPECTOR. I PREFER TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.
NOW, DEAREST DIANA.... I HAVE TIME FOR YOU. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES, DARLING....
....NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE.... AND I'M SAFE IN YOU ARMS.
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Monkey Mail

Dear Sirs,

After reading your comments in Monkey Mail section of the New *Phantom* in which you welcomed suggestions on the *Phantom* publication I decided to take you up on your offer and write my sincere opinion of the New Phantom.

The Phantom's fauna and flora are excellent. The jungle environment which is his home, and his history, suit him as well. However, I did observe that the plots and characters as created lacked depth. Truthfully, people, exactly what age bracket was the Phantom written for? The Phantom seems to have few obstacles he can't overcome. Never is he thwarted by criminals. Is he never defeated by villains? Does he never have any problems which cause heartache and inner turmoil? Besides having all the strength of a human, why not allow him to acquire some of our weaknesses? Can he not be clumsy and trip over a grapevine or something? Must he be perfect? Please, I solicit you, metamorphasize the Phantom, make him human so I can relate to him without feeling like an adolescent when I read it.

The Phantom lives in a jungle, therefore, should he not be subjected to the dangers there? So far in the issues I have read he hasn't encountered any severe competition from a creature of the jungle. If a man lives in such a place, he should occasionally be attacked by a gorilla or a maneating anaconda. Also the Phantom is the descendant of people whose responsibility was protecting the Phantom's fabled treasure which has become his responsibility. How does he feel about being in such a position? Is he remorseful for having inherited such a burden?

Being the protector of the Bandari tribe, he evidently would like to see those who assist him in protecting the ancient riches receive certain benefits from their benefactor. For one, he might attempt to bring education to the Bandari. Besides being fierce warriors, they can also be more intelligent and resourceful when they are threatened.

I realize you may resent my comments but I am telling you what I feel about the Phantom. I'm no critic and don't pretend to be one but when my brain indicates a response on a certain matter, I do not deny my response. Please accept my remarks in all candor and understand that I only wish the very best of success for your comic book, *The Phantom*. In closing, I'd like to add that I enjoy your series and my only desire is to improve it even further. My entire letter could be summed up in four words; humanize the elusive Phantom.

Yours respectfully,
John E. Fuller

Ubon, Thailand APO San Francisco 96304

Well, John your letter traveled a long way to get to us and it was a very intelligent dissection of our favorite hero. Actually, your final four words were very much to the point. In fact, everything you had to say was pertinent.

You asked what age bracket *The Phantom* is meant for. We believe it's most popular with pre-teen and younger teen-agers, probably mostly boys. However, we've had letters from adults who've been Phantom fans since he was created by Lee Falk in 1936. He has changed surprisingly little over that span.

Most of his fans don't want the Phantom to be defeated by his villainous adversaries. After all, in a sense, he is a superhero and superheroes don't dagger around trapping ever grape vines unless they've been drugged by an evil foe or suffered an injury.

The Phantom does have self-doubts at times. In some of his stories he's been depicted as brooding and he's left his jungle habitat but his dedication and strong sense of duty always brings him back to Bengali.

We do not resent your comments. In fact, John, we're going to keep them in mind and in the future try to do as you suggest; humanize the elusive Phantom. But not too much so. The *Ghost-Who-Walks* must retain a certain amount of mystery or literally perish.

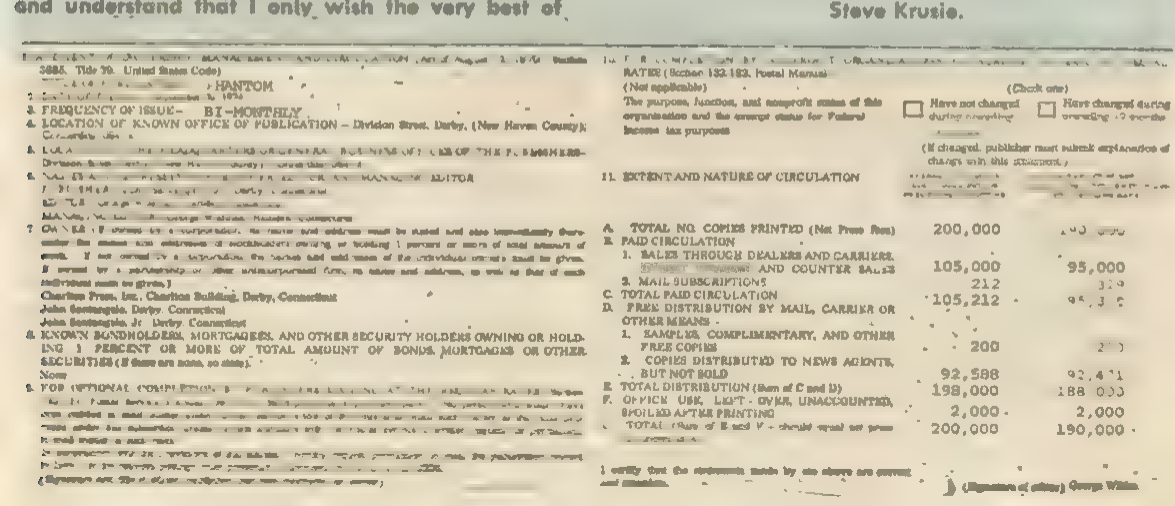
Dear Editor;

I'm glad you changed the Phantom back to his original form but I would like to see the people drawn more real and the Phantom needs to be more muscular. Show his muscles more but *don't overdo it!*

Print every name of the people who create the Phantom so we fans can write in suggestions and criticisms. Next to the Monkey Mail page have a page telling of upcoming events in Charlton comics and future Phantom stories.

As the jungle folk say: "The Phantom is dead. Long live the Phantom."

True Phan of the Ghost-Who-Walks
"Keeper of the Peace"
Steve Krusie.



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GO TO YOUR HOUSES! THE NIGHT KILLER IS OUT THERE. PERHAPS THE DOGS WILL DRIVE HIM AWAY!
BUT LIKE ALL GREAT CATS, THE BLACK LEOPARD LOVES TO KILL DOGS MORE THAN ANY OTHER PREY! FOR HIM A DOG IS SIMPLE TO KILL.... ONE SWIPE OF THAT TALONED PAW IS ALL IT TAKES TO DEAL DEATH!
AAARRRRGGGGGHH!
MORE THAN ANY OTHER PREDATOR THE LEOPARD IS A FEROCIOUS MAN-EATER ONCE HE DISCOVERS THAT HUMANS ARE AN EASY PREY! THEY ARE SILENT, CUNNING, AND SWIFTEST OF THE GREAT CATS!
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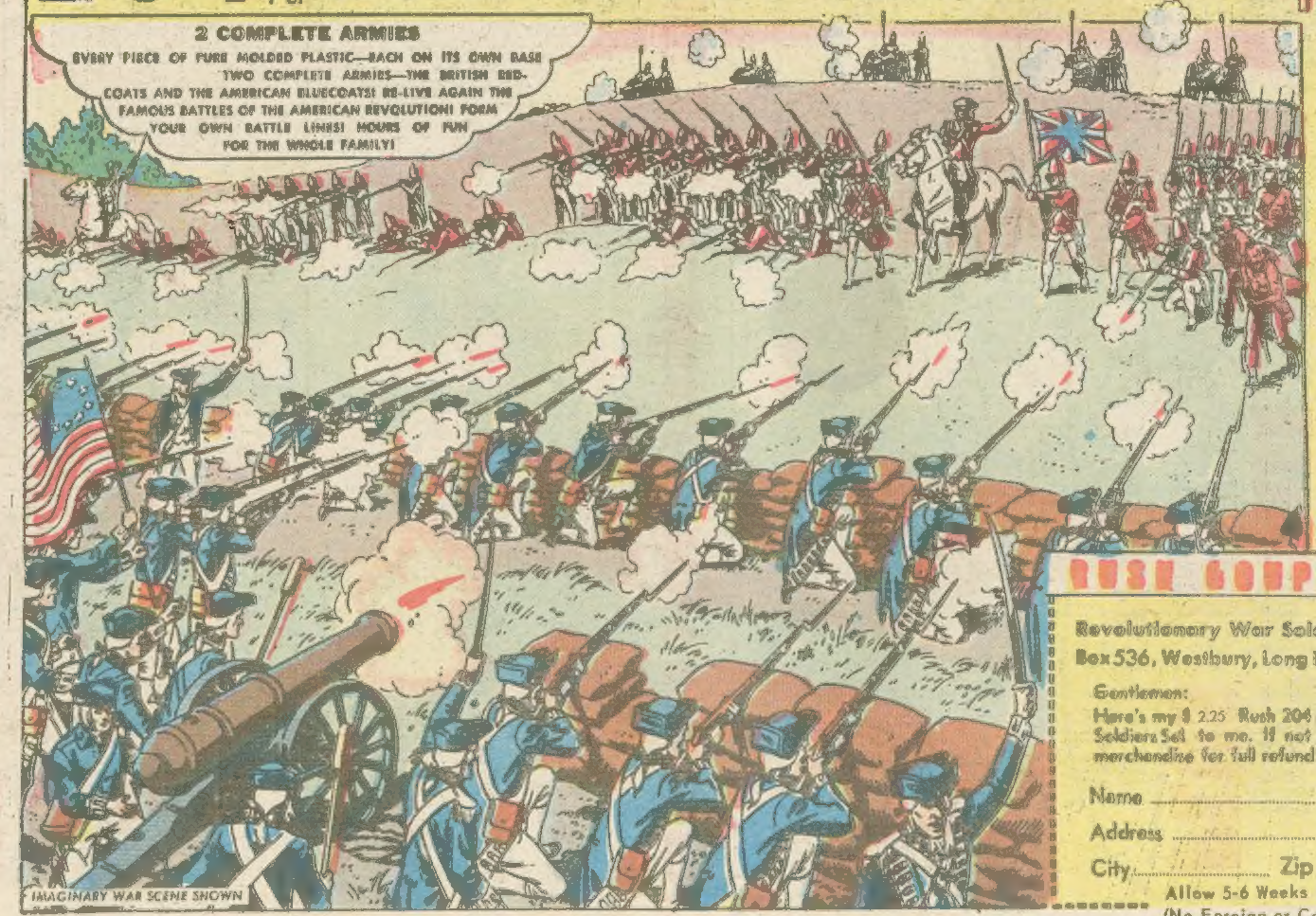

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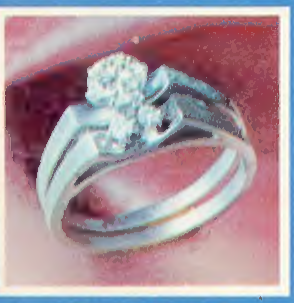

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